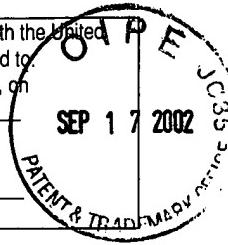


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In re application of:

Peter J. Kushner

Application No.: 09/103,355

Filed: June 23, 1998

For: METHODS FOR SCREENING  
NUCLEAR TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS  
FOR THE ABILITY TO MODULATE AN  
ESTROGEN RESPONSE

Examiner: Michael Pak

Art Unit: 1646

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST  
FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 12, 2002**, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for 3 months, extending the period for response through the present date;
- 2) A Transmittal sheet; and,
- 3) A receipt acknowledgement postcard.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the claims as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s), without prejudice to subsequent renewal: